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CITY OF NORTH ADAMS,

With Amendments and Additions to and including
November 5, 1918

With

List of Special Acts of the Legislature relating to the
City, and Acts and parts of Acts of the Legislature
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ACTS OF 1895.

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Spec. Acts 1918. Chap. 103.)

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

TITLE 1. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of North Adams shall, in case of the acceptance of this act by the voters of said town as hereinafter provided, continue to be a body politic and corporate, under the name of the City of North Adams; and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges, and shall be subject to all the duties and obligations, now pertaining to and incumbent upon the said town as a municipal corporation.

Incorporation.
1895, 148.

SECTION 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof, shall, except the affairs of public schools, be vested in an executive department, which shall consist of one officer, to be called the mayor, and in a legislative department which shall consist of a single body, to be called the city council, the members whereof shall be called councilmen. The executive department shall never exercise any legislative power, and the legislative department shall never exercise any executive power, except as herein otherwise provided.

Government to be
vested in mayor
and city council,
etc.
1895, 148

Wardlaw

Division of City
into wards.
1895, 148.

SECTION 3. The territory of said city shall first be divided into seven wards, as hereinafter provided, but said number, upon any subsequent division of said city into new wards, may be increased by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the city council, passed previous to and in the year of such division.

TITLE 2. ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS.

Municipal elections
and municipal
year. Notice of
meetings. S. 1918,
103, § 1.

SECTION 4. The municipal election shall take place annually on the second Tuesday of December, and the municipal year shall begin on the first Monday of January following. All meetings of the citizens for municipal purposes shall be called by notices issued by order of the city council.

Mayor, councilmen,
etc., to be elect-
ed by ballot. Two
year term for
mayor.
S. 1918, 103, § 2.

SECTION 5. At such municipal election the qualified voters shall give in their votes by ballot in the several wards for councilmen, and for the members of the board of assessors, board of trustees of the public library, and of the school committee, then to be elected, and in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen and every two years thereafter, a mayor, and the person receiving the highest number of votes for any office shall be deemed and declared to be elected to such office; and whenever two or more persons are to be elected to the same office the several persons up to the number required to be chosen receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed and declared to be elected.

Vacancy in office
of mayor.

If it shall appear that there is no choice of mayor, or if the person elected mayor shall refuse to accept the office, or shall die before qualifying, or if a vacancy in said office shall occur subsequently and more than six months previous to the expiration of his term of office, the city council shall forthwith cause notice to be issued for a new election, to fill such unexpired term, and the same proceedings shall be had in all

Vacancies in council.

respects as hereinbefore provided for the election of mayor, and shall be repeated until the election of a mayor is completed. If the full number of members of the city council has not been elected, or if a vacancy in the office of councilman shall occur subsequently and more than six months previous to the expiration of the municipal year, the council may forthwith elect some person or persons to fill the vacancy or vacancies until the next annual municipal election. The board of assessors shall consist of three persons who shall be elected in the manner provided in section forty-one for the election of trustees of the public library, and any vacancy which shall occur in said board of assessors may be filled by the city council, in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-six of the Revised Laws, until the next annual election and the qualification of a successor.

Vacancies in board
of assessors.

SECTION 6. All meetings for the election of national, state, county and district officers shall be called by order of the city council, in the same manner as meetings for municipal elections are called.

Meetings for elec-
tion of national,
state, etc., offi-
cers.
1895, 148.

SECTION 7. The city council may, when no convenient wardroom for holding the meetings of the citizens of any ward can be had within the territorial limits of such ward, appoint and direct, in the notice for calling any meeting of the citizens of such ward, that the meeting be held in some convenient place within the limits of any adjacent ward of the city; and for such purpose the place so assigned shall be deemed and taken to be a part of the ward for which the election is held.

Ward meetings may
be held in ad-
jacent ward.
S. 1918, 103, § 3

SECTION 8. General meetings of the citizens qualified to vote may from time to time be held according to the right secured to the people by the constitution of this Commonwealth, and all such meetings may, and upon the request in writing of fifty qualified voters setting forth the purposes thereof, shall be duly called by the city council.

General meetings
of qualified
voters.
1895, 148.

TITLE 3. LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

City council, election, term, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 9. The members of the city council shall consist of twenty-one councilmen at large, who shall be elected by the inhabitants of the city as follows: At the first municipal election held under this act twenty-one members at large of the council shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire city, seven to serve for the term of three years, seven for the term of two years and seven for the term of one year, beginning with the first Monday in January then next ensuing; and thereafter seven members at large of said city council shall be elected in like manner at each annual municipal election, to serve for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January next ensuing, in place of the members at large whose term then expires. At the first municipal election no voter shall vote for more than five of the councilmen to be elected for each term, that is to say, not more than fifteen in the aggregate on one ballot, and the seven having the highest number of votes for each term shall be declared elected. At all municipal elections subsequent to the first election no voter shall vote for more than five of the seven councilmen to be elected at an annual election on one ballot, and the seven having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The councilmen shall hold office for three years, except as herein otherwise provided, beginning with the first Monday in January next succeeding their election, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In case an election is held to fill a vacancy or vacancies in the council a voter may vote for the councilman necessary to fill such vacancies in addition to the number above provided.

Quorum, etc.

Vacancies.

SECTION 10. The mayor and the councilmen-elect shall, on the first Monday in January next following their election, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, meet and be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. The oath shall be administered by the city clerk, or, in his absence, by any justice of the peace, and shall be duly certified on the journal of the city council. In case of the absence of the mayor-elect on the first Monday in January, or if the mayor shall not then have been elected, the oath of office may at any time thereafter be administered to him, and at any time thereafter, in like manner, the oath of office may be administered to any member of the council who has been previously absent or has been subsequently elected; and every such oath shall be duly certified as aforesaid.

Oaths of office of
mayor and coun-
cilmen.
S. 1918, 103, § 4.

SECTION 11. After the oath has been administered to the councilmen present they shall be called to order by the city clerk, or in case of the absence of the city clerk, by the oldest senior member present. The council shall then proceed to elect one of their own number president of the council by ballot. If no quorum is present an adjournment shall be taken to a later hour or to the next day, and thereafter the same proceedings shall be had from day to day until a quorum shall be present. If any person receives the votes of a majority of all the members of the council, such person shall be declared chosen president thereof. If on the first day on which a quorum is present no person receives the votes of such majority they shall proceed to ballot until some person receives the votes of such majority, or an adjournment to the succeeding day is taken, and on such succeeding day a plurality of those voting shall be sufficient for an election. No other business shall be in order until a president is chosen. The president shall be sworn by the city clerk, or in case of the absence of the clerk, by any justice of the peace.

Organization of city
council. Election
of president, etc.
S. 1918, 103, § 5.

City clerk, election
of.

In the year nineteen hundred and twenty and every third year thereafter, the council shall then proceed to elect a city clerk in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-six of the Revised Laws, who shall hold office for the term of three years, from and after the date of his election and until the election and qualification of his successor. A majority of the votes of all the members shall be necessary for the election of said city clerk. Either the president or the city clerk may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two thirds of all the members of the council taken by roll call. The president of the council shall have the same right to vote as any other member thereof.

Removal of presi-
dent or city clerk.

Special meetings of
city council.
1895, 148.

SECTION 12. The mayor may at any time call a special meeting of the city council, by causing written notification thereof, together with a statement of the subjects to be considered thereat, to be deposited in the post-office, postpaid, and addressed to the persons to be notified, or left at the usual place of residence of each member of the council, at least twenty-four hours before the time appointed for such meeting.

City council to de-
termine rules of
its proceedings, be
judge of election
of its members
etc. 1895, 148.

SECTION 13. The city council shall determine the rules of its own proceedings and shall be judge of the election returns and qualifications of its own members. In case of the absence of the president the council shall choose a president pro tempore, and a plurality of votes cast shall be sufficient for a choice. The council shall sit with open doors, whether in session as a council or as a committee of the whole, and shall cause a journal of its proceedings to be open to public inspection. The vote of the council upon any question shall be taken by roll call when the same is requested by at least three members. A majority of the members of the council shall be required to constitute a quorum, but a smaller num-

Quorum.

ber may adjourn from day to day. The council shall, so far as is not inconsistent with this act, have and exercise all the legislative powers of towns, and have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities of city councils, and of either branch thereof, under the general laws of the Commonwealth, and it may by ordinance prescribe the manner in which such powers shall be exercised. They shall receive no compensation for their services as members of the city council or any committee thereof.

Legislative powers.

No compensation.

SECTION 14. Neither the city council nor any member or committee thereof shall directly or indirectly take part in the employment of labor, the making of contracts, the purchase of materials or supplies, the construction, alteration or repair of any public works, buildings or other property, or the care, custody or management of the same, or in the conduct of any of the executive or administrative business of the city, or in the expenditure of public money, except such as may be necessary for the contingent and incidental expenses of the city council, nor in the appointment or removal of any officers, except as herein otherwise provided; but nothing in this section contained shall affect the powers or duties of the council in relation to state aid to disabled soldiers and sailors and to the families of those killed in the civil war.

Councilmen not to take part in employment of labor, making of contracts, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 15. The city council shall in the month of January in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and every third year thereafter, elect an auditor of accounts in the manner provided by section seven of chapter twenty-six of the Revised Laws, who shall hold office for the term of three years from and after the date of his election and until the election and qualification of his successor. A majority of the votes of all the members of the council shall be necessary for the election of such auditor, and he may be removed by the council by the affirmative vote

Auditor of accounts.
1905, 373.
S. 1918, 103, § 6.

of two thirds of all the members of the council, taken by roll call.

Appropriations, etc.
S. 1918, 103, § 7.

SECTION 16. The city council shall appropriate annually the amount necessary to meet the expenditures of the city for the current municipal year. It shall take care that no money is paid from the treasury unless granted or appropriated, and shall secure a just and proper accountability by requiring bonds with sufficient penalties and sureties from all persons entrusted with the receipt, custody or disbursement of money. It shall as often as once in each year, cause to be published for the use of the inhabitants a particular account of the receipts and expenditures of said city and a schedule of all city property and of the city debt.

Account of receipts
and expenditures
to be published,
etc.

Ordinances, penal-
ties, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 17. The city council shall have the power within said city to make and establish ordinances and by-laws, and to affix penalties as herein and by general law provided, without the sanction of any court or justice thereof: *provided, however*, that all laws and regulations now in force in the town of North Adams shall, until they shall expire by their limitation or be revised or repealed by the council, remain in force. Complaint for the breach of any ordinance or by-law may be made by the mayor or any head of a department or by any resident of the city.

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Franchises, granting
of to be approved
by qualified vot-
ers.
1895, 148.

SECTION 18. No vote of the city council granting or bestowing an exclusive franchise of any description to any person or corporation shall be valid unless the same shall be approved by a vote of the qualified voters of the city, voting at large in their respective precincts at the annual municipal election.

Schoolhouses, erec-
tion of
1895, 148.

SECTION 19. The city council shall not authorize the erection of a schoolhouse, or of any addition thereto, nor pass any appropriation for such purpose, until plans for the same have been approved

by vote of the school committee, and such approval has been certified in writing to the council by the chairman of said committee.

SECTION 20. The city council shall establish a fire department for said city, to consist of a chief and of such officers and members as the city council by ordinance shall from time to time prescribe; and said council shall have authority to define their rank and duties and in general to make such regulations concerning the conduct and government of such department, the management of fires and the conduct of persons attending fires, as they may deem expedient, and may fix such penalties for any violation of such regulations or any of them as are provided for breach of the ordinances of said city. The chief and officers shall be the firewards of the city.

Fire department.
1904, 254.
S. 1918, 103, § 8.
See Sec. 29.

SECTION 21. The city council shall have power to establish fire limits within the city, and from time to time change or enlarge the same, and by ordinance they may regulate the construction of all buildings erected within said fire limits, stipulating their location, size and the material of which they shall be constructed, together with such other rules and regulations as shall tend to prevent damage by fire: *provided*, that such rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the laws of this Commonwealth.

Fire limits, council
to establish, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 22. The city council shall establish by ordinance a police department, to consist of a chief of police and such officers and men as it may prescribe, and make regulations for the government of the department.

Proviso.

Police department.
S. 1918, 103, § 9.
See Sec. 29.

SECTION 23. The city council shall, with the approval of the mayor, have exclusive authority and power to order the laying out, locating anew or discontinuing of all streets and ways and highways within the limits of said city, and to assess the damages sustained by any person thereby, and further, except as herein otherwise provided, to act in all matters relating to such laying out, locating anew,

Streets, highways,
etc.
1895, 148.

Damages, assess-
ment of.

altering or discontinuing. Any person aggrieved by the assessment of his damages, or other action of the council under this section, shall have all the rights and privileges now allowed by law in such cases in appeals from decisions of the selectmen of towns.

Majority vote of all members necessary for the passage of certain ordinances, etc. 1895, 148.

SECTION 24. In case any ordinance, order, resolution or vote involves the appropriation or expenditure of money to an amount which may exceed two hundred dollars, the laying of an assessment or the granting to a person or corporation of any right in, over or under any street or other public ground of said city, the affirmative votes of a majority of all the members of the city council shall be necessary for its passage. Every such ordinance, order, resolution or vote shall be read twice, with an interval of at least three days between the two readings before being finally passed, and the vote upon its final passage shall be taken by roll call: *provided, however*, that upon and after the written recommendation of the mayor, the city council may pass such ordinance, resolution or vote upon the same day, by a two-thirds yeas and nays vote.

Proviso.

Mayor, removal of for official misconduct or neglect of duty. 1895, 148.

SECTION 25. At any meeting of the city council it shall be in order for any member thereof to give written notice, seconded in writing by a majority at least of all the members of the council, of his intention to move at the next meeting thereof, occurring within not less than ten days, a resolution that the mayor be removed for official misconduct or neglect of duty. Such notice shall specify as particularly as possible the acts of misconduct or the instances of neglect of duty complained of, shall be entered at large by the clerk in the minutes of the council, and the clerk shall within two days serve a copy upon the mayor and mail a copy to each of the members of the council at his residence. At such next meeting of the council the mayor shall have the

right to speak in his own defence and to be heard by counsel. The vote on the resolution shall be by roll call. If the resolution fails to receive the affirmative votes of three-fourths of all the members of the council it shall have no effect, and shall not be re-introduced during that meeting of the council. If it receives the affirmative votes of three-fourths of all the members of the council it shall, upon the recording of such vote, take effect, and the office of the mayor shall thereupon become vacant. The council shall thereupon order a warrant for a new election for mayor to be issued, and such further proceedings shall be had as are provided in section five of this act in case of a failure to elect a mayor.

SECTION 26. No member of the city council shall, during the term for which he is elected, hold any other office in or under the city government, have the expenditure of any money appropriated by the council, or act as counsel in any matter before the council or any committee thereof; and no person shall be eligible for appointment to any municipal office established by the council during any municipal year within which he was councilman, until the expiration of the succeeding municipal year.

Councilmen not to hold other city office, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 27. Every ordinance, order, resolution or vote of the city council, except such as relates to its own internal affairs, to its own officers or employees, to the election or duties of the auditor of accounts and city clerk, to the removal of the mayor or to the declaration of a vacancy in the office of mayor, shall be presented to the mayor for his approval, and like proceedings shall be had thereon as are in such case provided by general laws relating to cities.

Certain ordinances, etc., to be approved by mayor
1895, 148.

TITLE 4. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 28. The executive powers of the city shall be vested in the mayor, and may be exercised

Executive powers vested in mayor.
S. 1918, 103, §10.

by him either personally or through the several officers and boards of the city in their departments, under his general supervision. In case of a vacancy in any office to which appointment is made by the mayor, he may personally perform the duties thereof, but he shall not be entitled to receive any salary or pay attached thereto. The mayor shall hold office for the term of two years beginning with the first Monday in January following his election unless sooner removed, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Term of mayor two years.

Municipal officers, appointment and removal of.
S. 1918, 103, § 11.

SECTION 29. The mayor shall have the sole power of appointment to all the municipal offices established by or under this act, including officers and members of the fire and police departments, unless herein otherwise provided; he may, by and with the approval of the city council, except as herein otherwise provided, remove from office, lower in rank, transfer, or suspend by written order any officer or member so appointed hereunder, for just cause and he shall in such order specifically assign the reasons therefor. Such order of removal, lowering, transfer, or suspension shall take effect upon the filing of the same with the city clerk, approved by the city council, and the service of a copy thereof upon such officer or member so removed, lowered, transferred, or suspended, either personally or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of residence.

Person removed from office, etc., may have hearing.

The person sought to be removed, lowered, transferred, or suspended, shall if he so requests, be given a public hearing, and be allowed to answer the charges preferred against him either personally or by counsel. A copy of such reasons, notice and answer, and of the order of removal, lowering, suspension, or transfer shall be made a matter of public record.

Charges, preferring of.

Any member of the city council may prefer charges against any such officer or member for misfeasance in office. Such charges shall be in writing and filed with the clerk of the city council. If the city council

shall vote to consider such charges, the president shall appoint a committee composed of three members to try the issues. A time and place shall be fixed by said committee for hearing the evidence for and against such charges, and notice thereof and an opportunity to appear with counsel and to be heard shall be given the accused, and said committee shall report its findings to the city council.

If said committee shall report to the city council in favor of sustaining such charges or any one of the same, and two thirds of the city council shall vote to approve the report of the committee, the mayor shall be notified thereof, and it shall be his duty to remove forthwith such officer, in the manner above provided.

Mayor shall remove upon notice from city council.

SECTION 30. Whenever by reason of sickness, absence from the city or other cause the mayor shall be unable to attend to the duties of his office, the president of the city council, or in case of his absence from the city or disability, the city solicitor, shall act as mayor. Such officer shall during the continuance of such sickness, absence from the city or other cause have all the rights and powers of mayor, except that he shall not when so acting have the power of removal, unless thereto authorized in any instance by vote of the city council, nor any power of appointment unless such sickness, absence or other disability of the mayor has continued for a period of thirty days, and then subject to the approval of the city council, nor power to approve or disapprove any ordinance, order, resolution or vote until within twenty-four hours of the time when it would take effect without the approval of the mayor. In case such disability of the mayor continues for a period exceeding sixty days the city council may at any time after the expiration of such period declare a vacancy to exist in the office of mayor.

Disability or absence of mayor, duties to be performed by president of council, etc.
S. 1918, 103, § 12

Vacancy in office of
mayor, president
of council to act.
1895, 148.

SECTION 31. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of mayor the president of the city council shall act as mayor and possess all the rights and powers of mayor during such vacancy, except that when so acting as mayor he shall not have the power of appointment or removal unless thereto in any instance authorized by vote of the council.

TITLE 5. SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

School committee,
election, terms,
etc. 1895, 148.

SECTION 32. The management and control of the schools of said city shall be vested solely in a school committee, consisting of six members at large, who shall be elected by the inhabitants of the city as follows: At the first municipal election held under this act six members of the school committee shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire city, two to serve for the term of three years, two for the term of two years and two for the term of one year, beginning with the first Monday in January then next ensuing; and thereafter two members at large of said school committee shall be elected in like manner at each annual municipal election, to serve for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January next ensuing, in place of the members at large whose term then expires. The school committee shall at its first meeting in each municipal year, or as soon thereafter as may be, choose a chairman from among its members by ballot, and the votes of a majority of all the members of the board shall be required in order to elect.

Superintendent of
schools, election,
term, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 33. The school committee shall on the first Monday in June, or as soon thereafter as may be, choose by vote of a majority of its members, but not from their number, a superintendent of schools, who shall be under its direction and control. Such superintendent shall hold office until the first Monday in June next ensuing unless sooner removed, and until his successor is chosen and qualified, and he

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may be removed at any time by the school committee by a vote of a majority of its members. The school committee shall, in case of a vacancy in their number, forthwith notify the city council, and the council shall call a joint convention of the members thereof and of the school committee, and at such convention the vacancy shall, by vote of a majority of all the members of the two bodies, be filled until the end of the municipal year in which the warrant for the next ensuing annual municipal election is issued, and at such election the vacancy shall be filled for the remainder, if any, of the unexpired term, in the same manner as the member whose office is vacant was elected. The school committee shall fix and establish the compensation of all persons employed by them.

Vacancy on school committee, etc.

TITLE 6. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS.

SECTION 34. There shall be the following administrative officers, who shall be appointed by the mayor, and who shall perform the duties by law and hereinafter prescribed for them, respectively, and such further duties not inconsistent with the nature of their respective offices, as the city council may prescribe:—1. A commissioner of public works. 2. A city treasurer, who shall also be collector of taxes. 3. A city solicitor. 4. A chief of police. 5. A chief of the fire department who shall also be assistant inspector of buildings under the direction and control of the inspector of buildings. He shall devote his whole time to the city. 6. A board of health, consisting of three persons who shall have control of the enforcement of the regulations relative to plumbing. 7. A city physician. 8. An overseer of the poor who shall exercise and discharge all the duties and powers prescribed by law for overseers of the poor. He shall also be the city almoner and commissioner of public burial places of said city. The above named officers shall be appointed on or

Administrative officers, appointment, duties, term, etc.
1897, 76.
1904, 254.
1909, 241.
S. 1918, 103, § 13.

Date of appointments
and terms of office.

before the first Monday in February in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, and every two years thereafter, and shall hold their respective offices for the term of two years, beginning with the first Monday in February following their appointment, unless sooner removed and until their respective successors are appointed and qualified: *provided*,

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however, that the appointment of the chief of police shall not be for any specified time but shall hold good until his death, resignation or removal by the mayor and council; and *provided, further*, that the chief of the fire department shall be appointed on or before the first Monday of February, nineteen hundred and nineteen, for the term of three years and every third year thereafter. They shall be sworn or affirmed to the faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices, which oath or affirmation, or a certified copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the city clerk. 9. A board of license commissioners as prescribed in chapter one hundred of the Revised Laws and amendments thereof.

Oath of office.

Appointment of cer-
tain subordinate
officers.

The board of assessors shall be entitled to choose a clerk who shall not be one of their own number. The commissioner of public works shall have authority to appoint a city engineer who shall be inspector of buildings, a clerk, and such assistants as he may deem necessary from time to time to carry on the outdoor and other work of the department.

TITLE 7. POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

City clerk, duties,
etc.
S. 1918, 103, § 14.

SECTION 35. The city clerk shall have charge of all journals, records, papers and documents of the city, attest all notices and do such other acts in his said capacity as the city council may require of him. He shall be the clerk of the council and shall keep a journal of all votes and proceedings. He shall engross all the ordinances passed by the city council, in a book provided for that purpose, and

shall add proper indexes, which book shall be deemed a public record of such ordinances. He shall perform such other duties as are required by law or shall be prescribed by the council. In case of the temporary absence of the city clerk and assistant city clerk the president of the council may appoint a clerk pro tempore, who shall be duly qualified.

Clerk pro tem.

SECTION 36. The auditor shall have charge of all revenue and expenditure accounts of the city and shall keep a set of books showing in detail the revenues and expenditures of the city. He shall examine all pay rolls, bills or demands rendered against the city, and all orders or votes of the city council for the payment of money, shall see that they have been incurred with due authority, that they are properly approved by some person authorized thereto, and that the clerical computations are correct. He shall see that vouchers are prepared in proper form, and that the same are duly recorded and distributed to their proper account. If he approves of a bill, pay roll or demand, he shall endorse it with his certificate of approval and shall cause an abstract of the same to be entered on a book kept for that purpose, and shall pass it to the treasurer for payment. He shall perform such other duties as from time to time shall be assigned him by the city council. In case of the disability or absence of the auditor the president of the council shall appoint an auditor pro tempore, who shall be duly qualified.

Auditor, duties, etc.
1895, 148.

Auditor pro tem.

SECTION 37. The commissioner of public works shall have cognizance, direction and control:— (a) Of the construction, alteration, repair, care and lighting of streets, ways and sidewalks. (b) Of the construction, alteration, repair and care of public buildings; except that the care, construction, alteration and repair of all school buildings shall remain under the control of the school committee. (c) Of the construction, alteration, repair, and care of

Commissioner of
public works,
powers, duties,
etc:
1897, 76.
S. 1918, 103, § 15.
174 Mass. 450.

public sewers and drains. (d) Of the construction, alteration, repair, care and maintenance of public bridges. (e) Of the laying out and caring for public parks, and all work in or upon the same. (f) Of the construction, extension, alteration and repair of the public water works. (g) Of the care, superintendence and management of the public grounds belonging to said city, except such grounds as are under the control of the school committee, and of the shade and ornamental trees standing and growing therein. (h) Of the supervision of fire-alarm, electric light, power, telephone, telegraph and trolley wires, and electric light, telegraph and telephone poles and gas pipes. The said commissioner may require that no person or corporation authorized by the city council to dig up any public street or sidewalk in said city shall begin such digging before furnishing to such commissioner of public works security satisfactory to him to restore such street or sidewalk to its former condition. The said commissioner shall also, except as herein otherwise provided, have, exclusively, the powers and be subject to the duties, liabilities and penalties, which may be by law given to or imposed upon road commissioners of towns.

Road commissioner

Treasurer, duties
etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 38. The city treasurer shall collect all the water rents and charges and all moneys due the city, and shall receive, have the custody of and pay out all moneys, upon the certificate of the auditor, and cause an accurate account of the same to be kept in proper bookkeeping form, or such form as the city council may prescribe. He shall make to the council annually or oftener, at such time or times in each year as it shall prescribe, a full and detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the city during such portion of the financial year as it may direct, and of the cash balance or surplus; and in every such statement the different sources of the city revenue and the amount received from each, the several ap-

propriations made, the object for which they were made and the amount of moneys expended under each, the money borrowed on the credit of the city, the authority under which each loan was made, and the terms on which the same was obtained, shall be clearly and particularly specified. He shall cause to be reported weekly to the auditor a statement of all the receipts and disbursements in order that the proper entries may be made in the books kept by the auditor. No person who is a bank official or employee shall be eligible to the office of treasurer.

Certain persons ineligible.

SECTION 39. The city solicitor shall for the salary herein provided perform all legal services in matters in which the city is interested, and attend to all proceedings at law or in equity in which the city is a party, and all claims made to the council. For these purposes he shall have sole charge of all such matters and proceedings. He shall give in writing his legal opinion upon any of the municipal affairs of the city upon the request of the mayor or council, and in addition give his opinion upon the law relating to the municipal affairs in any department, upon request made by the head of such department.

City solicitor,
duties, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 40. The city engineer shall give his whole time to the city and shall, at the request of the commissioner of public works, prepare plans and estimates of any proposed alterations in or construction of public sewers and drains and conduits, streets, sidewalks, water works and other public works. He shall assist the city solicitor as far as possible in defending the city against suits and claims brought against it for damages sustained by reason of any defect or want of repair in any public way, or for any cause whatever. He shall perform such other duties as the city council or commissioner of public works may prescribe, not inconsistent herewith.

City engineer,
duties, etc.
S. 1918, 103, §16.

SECTION 41. The trustees of the public library shall consist of three members at large who shall be

Trustees public
library, election,
term, duties, etc.
1895, 148.

elected by the inhabitants of the city as follows: At the first municipal election held under this act one trustee shall be elected to serve for the term of three years, one for the term of two years and one for the term of one year, beginning with the first Monday in January then next ensuing, and thereafter one trustee at large shall be elected in like manner at each annual municipal election, to serve for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday in January next ensuing, in place of the trustee at large whose term then expires. The trustees of the public library shall have the care and management of the public library.

City Almoner.
1895, 148.

*(Affected by Act
1897, 76, §2.)

See Section 34 of
Charter.
S. 1918, 103, §13.

SECTION 42.* The auditor shall also be the city almoner, and shall keep a record of the settlements of all paupers or persons who are or may become a city charge, and shall, under the direction of and by the authority of the overseers of the poor, relieve the wants of such paupers outside the almshouse as may be necessary and proper. He shall, as aforesaid, see that paupers who are chargeable to other cities and towns are maintained by such cities and towns at their own expense, and that the city shall be reimbursed for outlays made for the paupers chargeable to the Commonwealth or other cities or towns. He shall, under the direction of the overseers of the poor, report all cases needing legal attention, to the city solicitor, and shall furnish him with all the information possible in controversies arising over pauper settlements or otherwise. He shall perform such other duties as the overseers of the poor may from time to time direct.

*(Section 42 of the Charter was affected by Sec. 2 Chap. 76 Acts of 1897, printed below in italics.)

See Sec. 34 of Charter regarding appointment of overseer of poor and city physician.

Overseer of poor,
city almoner, and
commissioner of
public burial
places.
1897, 76, §2.
S. 1918, 103, §13.
Charter Sec. 34.

SECTION 2. *The mayor of said city shall appoint without confirmation by the city council of North Adams, during the current year upon the passage of this act, and thereafter on or before the first Monday in February in*

each year, one overseer of the poor, who shall exercise and discharge all the duties and powers prescribed by the law for overseers of the poor, and shall also be the city almoner of said city and exercise and discharge all the duties and powers now exercised and discharged by the auditor of said city of North Adams as city almoner. He shall also be the commissioner of public burial places of said city. He shall hold his office for the term of one year unless sooner removed from office by the mayor in the manner prescribed in section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars each year. The city physician of said city shall hereafter be appointed solely by the mayor.

City physician.
S. 1918, 103, §13.
Charter Sec. 34.

SECTION 43. All city officers not hereinbefore mentioned shall perform such duties as are or may be from time to time prescribed by law, and such other duties, not inconsistent herewith or with general laws, as the council may from time to time prescribe.

Duties of certain
city officers.
1895, 148.

SECTION 44. The administrative officers and boards above-named in this title, and all administrative officers and boards hereafter established by the city council and not coming within the department of any officer or board so above-named, shall have the power, except as herein otherwise provided, to appoint or employ and to remove or discharge, all officers, clerks and employees in their respective departments. Such appointments shall not be for any specified term but shall hold good until removal or discharge. Orders of removal shall state the reason thereof and shall be entered upon the records of the officer or board making the same, and removals shall take effect upon the filing of a copy of such order with the city clerk in a book provided for the purpose and open to public inspection. The above-named administrative officers and boards shall, in their re-

Administrative officers,
etc., may
appoint and discharge
subordinates, etc.
S. 1918, 103, §17.

Contracts for supplies,
etc.

School committee
may delegate
certain work to
commissioner of
public works.

spective departments, make all necessary contracts for work and for the furnishing of materials and supplies for the city, and for the construction, alteration, repair and care of public works, institutions, buildings and other property; except such property as shall be under the control of the school committee: *provided, however,* that the school committee by a two thirds vote of all its members may delegate to the commissioner of public works, before the first day of February in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, or any year thereafter, the construction, alteration and repair of school buildings and the furnishing of fuel for the same, also the maintenance of school grounds; the authority so delegated shall be permanent and thereafter be exercised by said commissioner in addition to the powers and duties prescribed by section thirty-seven of said chapter one hundred and forty-eight, until said committee shall, before the first day of February, in any year, by a two thirds vote, rescind said delegation of authority, and said officers shall have, subject to the mayor, the direction and control of all the executive and administrative business of the city. They shall at all times be accountable to the mayor, as the chief executive officer, for the discharge of their duties.

Accountable to
mayor.

Record of official
transactions to be
kept.
1895, 148.

SECTION 45. Every board, and every officer above-named not a member of a board, shall keep a record of all official transactions, and such record shall be open to public inspection.

TITLE 8. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Salaries, etc.
S. 1918, 103, §18.

SECTION 46. The following salaries shall be paid, viz.:—Mayor, one thousand dollars each year. City clerk, sixteen hundred dollars each year. Tax collector and treasurer, two thousand dollars each year. City solicitor, nine hundred dollars each year. Members of the school committee, seventy-five dollars each, each year. Members of the board of assessors, chairman, eight hundred dollars each year; other members,

seven hundred dollars each, each year; clerk of the board of assessors, three hundred dollars each year. City physician, two hundred and fifty dollars each year. Members of the board of health, one hundred dollars each, each year. City engineer, eighteen hundred dollars each year. Overseer of the poor, thirteen hundred dollars each year. Keeper of the almshouse, seven hundred and fifty dollars each year. Commissioner of public works, eighteen hundred dollars each year. Clerk of the commissioner of public works, nine hundred dollars each year. Auditor, thirteen hundred dollars each year. Chief of fire department, fifteen hundred dollars each year. Deputy chief engineer of the fire department, three dollars and twenty-five cents per day. Permanent firemen, first year, two dollars and fifty cents each per day; second year, two dollars and seventy-five cents each per day; and third year and thereafter, three dollars each per day. Captains of the fire department, one hundred and twenty-five dollars each, each year. Lieutenants of the fire department, one hundred and twelve dollars each, each year. Call firemen, first year, sixty-five dollars, each; second year, eighty dollars, each; and after second year, one hundred dollars each, each year. Chief of police and keeper of lockup, four dollars and eighty-five cents per day. Captains of police, four dollars and twenty cents each per day. Permanent patrolmen, first year, two dollars and seventy-five cents each per day; second year, three dollars each per day; and third year and thereafter, three dollars and sixty-five cents each per day; reserve officers, when on duty, two dollars and seventy-five cents each per day. The compensation of all persons not employed by boards or heads of departments, and not herein provided for, shall be established by the council, and no new salaried office shall be established except as required by law, nor any increase of salaries established hereby be made, except upon a two thirds vote of all the members of the city council, approved by the mayor.

City council to fix
salaries.

Non-residents not
eligible to certain
offices.
S. 1918, 103, §19.

SECTION 47. No person shall be eligible to any of the offices of the city government, except superintendent of schools, chief of police, chief of the fire department, commissioner of public works, or city engineer, unless he is a citizen and has been a resident of the city for at least two years.

Offices to become
vacant for certain
causes.
1895, 148.

SECTION 48. Any office established under or by this act shall become vacant if the incumbent ceases to be a resident of the city. The conviction of the incumbent of any such office of a crime punishable by imprisonment shall operate to create a vacancy in the office held by him.

S. 1918, 103, §20.

SECTION 49. Repealed. (Inoperative by reason of changes in general laws.)

S. 1918, 103, §20.

SECTION 50. Repealed. (Inoperative by reason of changes in general laws.)

Officers to give cer-
tain information
upon request.
1895, 148.

SECTION 51. Every officer of the city shall, at the request of the city council, give it such information in writing as it may require in relation to any matter, act or thing connected with his office or employment or the discharge of the duties thereof.

Appropriations and
expenditures.
S. 1918, 103, §21.

SECTION 52. No sum appropriated for a specific purpose shall be expended for any other purpose, and no expenditure shall be made, nor liability incurred, by or in behalf of the city, until an appropriation has been duly voted by the city council sufficient to meet such expenditure or liability, together with all prior unpaid liabilities which are payable out of such appropriation, except in accordance with the written recommendation of the mayor to the city council, approved by the yeas and nays vote of two thirds of the council: *provided, however*, that, after the expiration of the financial year and before the regular appropriations have been made by the city council, liabilities may be incurred and expenditures made payable out of the regular appropriations to an amount not exceeding in any month sums spent for similar

Proviso.

purposes during any one month of the preceding year, or may expend in any one month for any officer or board created by law an amount not exceeding one twelfth of the estimated cost for that year. Every bill, pay roll or other voucher covering an expenditure of money shall be approved by the signatures, on such bill or voucher, of the majority of the board or committee having control of, or incurring such expenditure, and after such approval such bills, pay rolls or vouchers shall be turned over to the auditor. The financial year shall begin with the first day of December in each year.

Pay rolls, bills, etc.,
approval of.

Financial year.

SECTION 53. Nothing herein contained shall affect the enforcement of the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, being "An act to improve the civil service of the Commonwealth and the cities thereof," and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, or of the rules made by the commissioners appointed thereunder; and the city council shall make sufficient and proper appropriations for the carrying out and enforcement of said acts and such rules in said city.

Civil service.
1895, 148.

SECTION 54. Whenever mechanical or other work is required to be done, or supplies are required for the city, at a cost amounting to five hundred dollars or more, the board or committee having the matter in charge shall invite proposals therefor by advertisements in not more than two newspapers published in said city, such advertisements to state the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisements, and reserving the right to said board or committee to reject any or all proposals. Every proposal for doing such work or making such sale shall be accompanied by a suitable bond, or certificate of deposit, for the faithful performance of such proposal, and all such proposals shall be kept by the officer or board inviting the same, and shall be open

Proposals for sup-
plies, etc.
1895, 148.

to public inspection after said proposals have been accepted or rejected.

Certain contracts to
be approved by
mayor.
1895, 148.

SECTION 55. All contracts made by any department of the city shall, when the amount involved is five hundred dollars or more, be in writing, and no such contract shall be deemed to have been made or executed until the approval of the mayor is affixed thereto. All such contracts shall be accompanied by a bond with securities satisfactory to the board or committee having the matter in charge, or a deposit of money or other security for the faithful performance of such contracts; and such bonds or other security shall be deposited with the city auditor until the contract has been carried out in all respects; and no such contract shall be altered except by a written agreement of the contractor, the sureties on his or their bond, and the officer or board making the contract, with the approval of the mayor affixed thereto.

Bond.

Loans, bonds, notes
etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 56. No loan except such as may be incurred in anticipation of taxes shall be made except upon and after the written recommendation of the mayor, made to the council and passed by two-thirds yeas and nays. All bonds and notes issued by the city shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the mayor, and any coupons attached thereto shall bear the signature of the treasurer either in the original or a facsimile.

Water rates and in-
come, how fixed.
1895, 148.
1897, 76.
S. 1916, 141.

SECTION 57. The commissioner of public works shall establish the prices or rentals for the use of water, subject to the approval of the mayor and the city council; and the income received therefrom, in each year, shall be paid into the treasury of the city.

Wards, division of
city into.
1895, 148.

SECTION 58. Upon an acceptance of this act, as herein provided, the selectmen of said town shall forthwith divide the territory thereof into seven wards, so that the wards shall contain as nearly as may be consistent with well defined limits to each,

an equal number of voters, and they shall designate the wards by numbers. They shall, for the purpose of the first municipal election to be held thereunder, which shall take place on the third Tuesday of December next succeeding such acceptance, provide suitable polling places in the several wards and give notice thereof, and shall at least ten days previous to such third Tuesday in December appoint all proper election officers therefor, and they shall in general have the powers and perform the duties of the mayor and board of alderman of cities, under chapter four hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, the provisions of which shall so far as applicable apply to said election; and the town clerk shall perform the duties therein assigned to city clerks. The registrars shall cause to be prepared and published according to law, lists of qualified voters in each of the wards established by the selectmen.

SECTION 59. All laws relating to the town of North Adams when this act shall be accepted as herein provided, shall, until altered, amended or repealed, continue in force in the city of North Adams, so far as the same are not inconsistent herewith.

Certain laws to continue in force.
1895, 148.

SECTION 60. All special laws heretofore passed concerning the fire district in the town of North Adams, which shall be in force in said fire district when this act shall be accepted, as herein provided, shall, so far as the same are not inconsistent herewith, be extended to and continue in force in the city of North Adams until altered, amended or repealed.

Certain special laws to continue in force.
1895, 148.

SECTION 61. Upon the first day of January next after the acceptance of this act, as herein provided, the North Adams Fire District in said town shall cease to exist, and all the property, powers and privileges of the said district shall vest in the city of North Adams, and all the debts, duties and lia-

Property, etc., of fire district to vest in city.
1895, 148.

bilities of the said fire district shall become the debts, duties and liabilities of the said city.

Pending legal proceedings not affected, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 62. The passage of this act shall not affect any right accruing or accrued, or any suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding pending at the time when this act shall go into operation, and no penalty for forfeiture previously incurred shall be affected thereby. All persons holding office in said town or in the fire district of said town at the time this act shall take effect shall continue to hold the same, notwithstanding the passage thereof, until the organization of the city government hereby authorized shall be effected, and until the successors of such officers shall be respectively elected or appointed and qualified.

Selectmen to notify persons first elected, etc.
1895, 148.

SECTION 63. The selectmen shall notify the persons elected at such first election, and shall provide and appoint a place for the first meeting of the mayor and city council on the first Monday in January next ensuing; and shall by written notices left at their respective places of residence at least twenty-four hours prior to such meeting notify thereof the mayor-elect and councilmen elect, who shall immediately proceed to organize and carry into effect the provisions of this act, which shall then have full force and effect. The selectmen shall, in like manner, appoint a place and time for the first meeting of the school committee, and notify the members thereof. Nothing herein shall affect the annual meeting in said town for the election of national, state, district and county officers, which may be held next after the acceptance thereof.

Meeting for submission of question of acceptance.
1895, 148.

SECTION 64. The question of the acceptance of this act may be submitted to the legal voters of said town at any time within two years after the passage thereof at an annual meeting or any meeting called for that purpose, except in the months of November and December. At such meeting the polls shall

be open not less than eight hours, and the vote shall be taken by ballot in accordance with the provisions of chapter four hundred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the question:—"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled 'an act to incorporate the city of North Adams,' be accepted?" and the affirmative votes of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance. If at any meeting so held this act shall fail to be thus accepted, it may, at the expiration of three months from any such previous meeting, be again thus submitted, but not after the period of two years from the passage thereof.

SECTION 65. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of said town shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by the legal voters of said town as herein provided. [*Approved March 22, 1895.*]

When to take effect.
1895, 148.

ACTS OF 1897.

CHAPTER 76.

AN ACT

TO ABOLISH THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The board of public works of the city of North Adams is hereby abolished, and the powers and duties now exercised and discharged by said board, except the powers and duties exercised and discharged by the members of the board as overseers of the poor and commissioners of public burial places, shall hereafter be exercised and discharged by one commissioner of public works, who shall be appointed by the mayor without confirmation by the city council, during the current year upon the passage of this act, and thereafter on or before the first Monday in February in each year. He shall hold his office for the term of one year unless sooner removed from office by the mayor in the manner prescribed in section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall receive a salary of eighteen hundred dollars each year. A person not a citizen or resident of said North Adams may be appointed such commissioner or superintendent of outdoor work.

SECTION 2. The mayor of said city shall appoint without confirmation by the city council of North Adams, during the current year upon the passage of this act, and thereafter on or before the first Monday in February in each year, one overseer of the poor, who shall exercise and discharge all the duties and

powers prescribed by the law for overseers of the poor, and shall also be the city almoner of said city and exercise and discharge all the duties and powers now exercised and discharged by the auditor of said city of North Adams as city almoner. He shall also be the commissioner of public burial places of said city. He shall hold his office for the term of one year unless sooner removed from office by the mayor in the manner prescribed in section twenty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and until his successor is appointed and qualified. He shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars each year. The city physician of said city shall hereafter be appointed solely by the mayor.

SECTION 3. The chief engineer of the fire department of said city shall also be the assistant inspector of buildings, and as such assistant inspector be under the direction and control of the inspector of buildings. He shall devote his whole time to the city and shall receive a salary of nine hundred dollars each year.

SECTION 4. Anything contained in chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, so far as it interferes with this act, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved February 18, 1897.*]

ACTS OF 1904.

CHAPTER 254.

AN ACT

RELATIVE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY
OF NORTH ADAMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of North Adams may by ordinance establish the salary of the chief of its fire department, and may by ordinance

establish fire companies in the outlying districts of the city, to consist of such officers and men as it may determine; and may fix the compensation of the members thereof, which shall not exceed the sum now paid to the other members of the fire department of the city. Such fire companies shall be a part of the fire department of the city and subject to all ordinances and regulations relating to said fire department. The appointment of the officers and members of such companies shall be vested in the mayor of the city as prescribed by section twenty of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved April 22, 1904.*]

ACTS OF 1909.

CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT

RELATIVE TO THE TENURE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The term of office of the chief of the fire department of the city of North Adams shall be three years.

SECTION 2. So much of chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five and of any amendment thereof as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. [*Approved March 31, 1909.*]

LIST OF ACTS AND PARTS OF ACTS ACCEPTED
BY THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

- 312 1893 An Act relating to the repair of private drains in streets or ways.
- 455 1894 An Act relating to the licensing of plumbers and the supervision of the business of plumbing.
- 74 1890 An Act in relation to the preservation of public health in cities.
- 481 1894 An Act relating to the inspection department of district police and the inspection of buildings. Sections 11 and 14 to 22 inclusive.
- 208 1898 An Act to provide for the appointment of constables in cities.
- 314 1896 An Act to provide for the appointing of a reserve police force in cities.
- 344 1899 An Act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees.
- 332 1901 An Act relative to the term of office of city clerks.
- 50 R.L. Of Betterments and other assessments, etc., Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25 and 26.
- 454 1903 An Act to provide for joint caucuses or primaries of all political and municipal parties. [*Action revoked in 1904*].
- 32 R.L. Section 81 relative to the pensioning of firemen.
- 373 1905 An Act relative to the term of office of municipal auditors.
- 436 1911 An Act relative to the appointment of deputy election officers in certain cities.

- 468 1911 An Act to extend the provisions of the civil service act to chiefs of police of certain cities and towns.
- 546 1912 An Act relative to vacations of members of fire departments.
- 487 1913 An Act relative to the promotion of call men in the fire departments of cities and towns.
- 807 1913 An Act to provide for compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment.
- 217 1914 An Act relative to vacations of laborers employed by cities and towns.
- 141 S.1916 An Act relative to water rates and income in the city of North Adams.
- 108 R.L. ¹⁹¹⁶ 29 and 30 Relative to police pensions. [*Accepted 1916*].
- 103 S.1918 An Act to amend the charter of the city of North Adams.

LISTS OF ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE RELATING TO THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

- 148 1895 An Act to incorporate the city of North Adams.
- 197 1896 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to issue bonds, notes or script for the purpose of acquiring land and of erecting public buildings thereon.
- 201 1896 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to issue bonds for the purpose of completing its reservoir and for supplying the inhabitants of the city with pure water.
- 75 1897 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to grade and pave its streets and to issue bonds or notes therefor.
- 76 1897 An Act to abolish the Board of Public Works of the city of North Adams and for other purposes.
- 123 1897 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to issue bonds or notes for the purpose of acquiring land, erecting public school buildings thereon, constructing sewer and refunding its notes.
- R.98 1898 An Act to provide for the purchasing of land for the State Normal School at North Adams.
- 106 1899 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to refund its present indebtedness.
- R.79 1899 A Resolve relating to the purchase of additional land for the use of the State Normal School at North Adams.

- 110 1900 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to incur indebtedness for the construction and maintenance of sewers.
- 262 1900 An Act to change and establish the boundary lines between the city of North Adams and the town of Williamstown.
- 402 1900 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to take land for a Public Park.
- 317 1903 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to borrow money outside the debt limit, for the improvement of streets.
- 254 1904 An Act relative to the fire department of the city of North Adams.
- 398 1907 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to make additional water loan.
- 80 1908 An Act relative to the issuing of evidence of indebtedness for water supply proposed for the city of North Adams. (Amending chapter 398 of the Acts of 1907).
- 241 1909 An Act relative to the tenure of office of the Chief of the Fire Department of the city of North Adams.
- 305 1909 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to refund a part of its indebtedness.
- 606 1912 An Act to provide for sittings of the superior court for the County of Berkshire at North Adams for purposes of naturalization.

- 160 1913 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to make an additional water loan.
- 382 1913 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to take land, water rights and water courses for water supply purposes.
- 723 1913 An Act relative to wires and electrical appliances in the city of North Adams.
- 109 1914 An Act relative to the authority of the city of North Adams to take land, water rights and water courses for water supply purposes.
- 203 1914 An Act relative to the construction of a highway between the city of North Adams and the valley of the Deerfield river.
- 186S.1915 An Act to authorize the city of North Adams to erect a high school building and to borrow money therefor.
- 141S.1916 An Act relative to water rates and income in the city of North Adams.
- 257 1918 ²⁰¹⁰ 170. Practice schools for normal training to be furnished by city of North Adams.
- 103S.1918 An Act to amend the charter of the city of North Adams.

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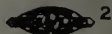
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